

Fast Food Fax

Mar. 20, 2006

Trade sentiment was generally steady to instances weak. Demand was fair to fairly good, best where retails ads were planned. In the parts complex, breasts items were fully adequate. Leg cuts and wings were readily available and slow to clear. Weights were mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Mar. 04, 2006

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	26,954	19,671	52,345	98,570
Percentage	27%	20%	53%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,253	5.33
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	5,780	5.86
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	10,232	10.38
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>5,289</u>	<u>5.37</u>
		26,554	26.94

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% * *
Jan 14	213,152	102	172,309	99	206,253	103	169,101	102	167,302	112
Jan 21	215,439	102	174,272	101	210,677	101	172,026	101	154,485	92
Jan 28	213,124	100	174,421	102	212,380	102	173,401	101	162,972	105
Feb 04	213,110	100	173,835	101	215,227	102	176,335	102	163,305	100
Feb 11	213,263	100	175,742	100	214,095	103	175,122	102	164,473	101
Feb 18	215,334	101	174,372	99	213,152	102	173,482	101	162,394	99
Feb 25	216,741	101	173,008	98	215,603	102	175,059	101	158,438	98
Mar 04	216,821	101	173,749	99	212,140	101	172,920	100	158,348	100
Mar 11	216,624	101	175,363	99	214,075	103	174,210	101	160,615	101

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 03/20/06				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	53-56	54.58	54.43	72.78
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	51-54	54.37	54.10	70.01
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	75	72.76	73.77	79.42
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		60.89	62.39	74.07
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 68.25)		67.09	67.27	73.10
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		36.24	37.36	55.71

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
<u>Weekly Weighted Average</u>	<u>3/17/06</u>	<u>3/17/06</u>	<u>3/20/06</u>
Breast - B/S	98.85	93.09	112.00
Tenderloins	97.52	98.81	140.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	57.96	55.45	58.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	17.21	13.10	17.50
Wings	81.86	84.75	94.50